

Remarks

Claims 1-20 were pending in the subject application. By way of this amendment, claims 1-13 and 17 have been canceled, claim 14 has been amended, and claims 21-31 have been added. The applicant asserts that no new matter is introduced by this amendment. Accordingly, claims 14-16 and 18-31 are currently before the Examiner. Favorable consideration is earnestly requested.

The applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting a telephonic conference with the applicant's undersigned representative on April, 23 2003. Claim 14 has been amended in accordance with the agreement reached with the Examiner during this telephonic conference, in order to more clearly claim the subject matter of the subject invention.

Claims 1-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Claims 1-6 have been canceled, rendering this grounds for rejection moot. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Claims 1, 5, 6, 12, and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Claims 1, 5, 6, 12, and 13 have been canceled, rendering this grounds for rejection moot. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Claims 1, 5, and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Claims 1, 5, and 8 have been canceled, rendering this grounds for rejection moot. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(b). Claim 7 has been canceled, rendering this grounds for rejection moot. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(b).

Claims 9 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(b). Claims 9 and 17 have been canceled, rendering this grounds for rejection moot. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(b).

Claims 10 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 10 and 11 have been canceled, rendering this grounds for rejection moot. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(b).

Claims 14 and 18-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Reimer (U.S. Patent No. 3,885,853). Claim 14 has been amended such that step "a)" now reads "positioning

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the electrical wiring parallel to the length of the metal framing member", in order to more clearly indicate the positioning of electrical wiring with respect to the metal framing member. The Reimer reference discloses a method of terminating a stripped wire to a terminal post in making an electric connection with a "V" shaped clip. The Reimer method involves pressing a spring clip over a post to address the wire against the post. The Reimer method does not attach the spring clip to the sides of a metal framing member. In contrast to the method of amended claim 14 of the subject application, the method taught by the Reimer reference does not teach positioning the electrical wiring parallel to the length of the metal framing member, the metal framing member having a face and two sides. Rather, the method taught by the Reimer reference teaches positioning a wire over an end and down two sides of post 10, where post 10 is a single bar of metal. In addition, the method of the Reimer reference does not teach securing the wiring to post 10 such that the wiring is centrally positioned on the "face" of post 10 between a first and a second side of post 10, but, rather, teaches securing the wire across the entire "face" of post 10 and over the edges of the "face" of post 10 and onto first and second sides of post 10. With respect to claim 18, Reimer does not teach or suggest a method for securing electrical wiring to a two-by-four metal framing member having a face and two sides with a wiring clip. With respect to claim 19, Reimer does not teach a method securing within a wire receiving area to the face of the metal framing member so as to be located at least 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches from the first side of the metal framing member and located at least 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches from the second side of the metal framing member. With respect to claim 20, Reimer does not teach or suggest a method wherein the wiring positioned within the wire receiving area is secured within the wire receiving area. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Claim's 15 and 16 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as obvious over the Reimer reference in view of the Snyder (U.S. Patent No. 6,315, 261). As stated above with respect to the rejection of claim 14, the Reimer reference does not teach or suggest the subject invention as claimed in claim 14. The Snyder reference does not cure this defect. With respect to claims 15 and 16, the retention plate taught by Snyder cannot be attached to stud 11 without stapling, nailing, or screwing edge portions 10 and 10b to the stud. Accordingly, the staples, nails, or screws are not secondary attachment means but primary attachment means. In addition, there is no motivation to incorporate

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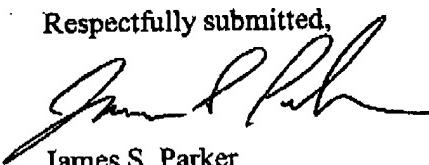
the securing means of Snyder with the clip of Riemer. In fact, Riemer, at col. 3, lines 28-29, teaches the resulting connection is "easily removable and reuseable". Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection under 35 USC §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant believes that all claims as currently pending are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account 19-0065 any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this amendment, or if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of the subject application to completion.

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